

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Trempealeau County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

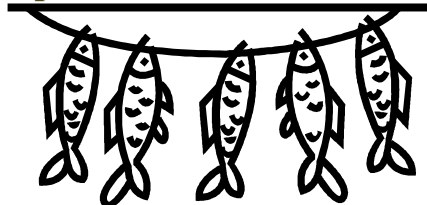
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Trempealeau County, **23,527** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

## Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **517 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Trempealeau County.

In 2014, DNR stocked **500 pheasants** in Trempealeau County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

Trempealeau County has over **7,210 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In fiscal year 2014, **Buffalo River State Trail, Great River State Trail and Perrot State Park** had close to **418,281 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$24,464,619**.

## Community Partnerships

Trempealeau County has **72 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

In a partnership with DNR, four trout rearing facilities provided by the **Eleva, Galesville, Independence and Ettrick Conservation Clubs** raised 11,800 brook trout and 8,000 brown trout for **16 local streams** in Trempealeau County.

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## Snapshot of grants in Trempealeau County

A total of **\$3,598,341** was awarded in Trempealeau County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests, restoration to the Borst Valley Creek, cost sharing of manure management systems and trail maintenance.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

**Forestry is the largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$265 million, providing \$142 million in added value to the county.**

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **49,737 acres** of private land in Trempealeau County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **4,646 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$60,804 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

**DNR granted \$14,944 to local Fire Departments** in Trempealeau County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since 2005, **over 4,125 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Trempealeau County. The harvests provided more than **\$88,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 59 contaminated properties**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

**DNR responded to 20 spills of hazardous materials** over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$230,485 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

## Deer Management in Trempealeau County

In 2014, Trempealeau County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 7,449 deer were registered in Trempealeau County with 1,622 harvested during archery deer season and 5,827 harvested during the gun deer season.